# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# AGRICULTURE
# LOK SABHA

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PROMOTION OF FLORICULTURE IN KARNATAKA
SRIKANTA DATTA NARASIMHARAJA WADIYAR

**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government are aware of the vast scope to promote floriculture in Karnataka;

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to promote floriculture in that State during the last three years; and

(c) the assistance extended to the Karnataka Agro Industries Corporation by the Centre during the last three years?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir. The Government of India launched a Central Sector Scheme onCommercial Floriculture during Eighth Plan covering all the States including Karnataka. Under the scheme the following activities were taken up in Karnataka to promote floriculture during the last three years:-

(1) Establishment of Model Floriculture Centre at Nagarur near Bangalore.

(2) Area expansion in 210 ha. under floriculture.

(3) Transfer of technology through trainings and floriculture village concept.

(4) Assistance for setting up of green houses has been provided to flower growers in the State. Besides, Karnataka Agro Industries Corporation has established a Flower Auction Centre at Hebbal.A cold storage unit of 2.5 ton capacity has been established at Bangalore airport.

(c): Karnataka Agro Industries Corporation has been granted a sum of Rs.5.00 lakhs byAgricultural Produce Export Development Authority (APEDA) for improvement of facilitiesat the Flower Auction Centre, Hebbal.APEDA has also sanctioned a sum of Rs.3.75 crores as grant to Karnataka Agro Industries Corporation for setting up of a whole salemarket cum auction centre for flowers of International Standard.